

includes 40.9 miles of diversion channels, 97.3 miles of levees, and five control structures. It provides flood protection to 49,000 acres of urban and suburban property.

By the end of 1987, the Corps estimated that this one project, formally called the Wichita and Valley Center Local Protection Project, had prevented more than \$123.5 million in flood damages. Its original cost was \$18.8 million, of which local sponsors paid \$6.5 million.

Twenty other District projects — channels, levees, and the like — can logically be grouped within the local protection category. In most instances, the Corps called them “small” projects with big payoffs. The Corps estimates that they have prevented nearly one-half billion dollars in flood damages. Another local protection project is under construction at Great Bend, Kansas, and four others are in the final stages of planning.

